

REMARKS

This preliminary amendment includes a response to the office action dated September 26, 2001. In addition, it includes a discussion related to the new claims in the CPA application.

Regarding the office action issued for the parent application, claim 1 was rejected. A detailed discussion of each item in the office action follows.

THE 102 REJECTION

In item 2 of the office action, claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 (b) as being anticipated by Henry. Since claim 1 is canceled, the basis of this rejection is moot. However, Applicant's Attorney is providing information related to differences between Henry and Applicant's invention. Henry teaches an identification bracelet which is useful for providing factual information related to an individual for use by emergency personnel, etc. the Henry device is typically used to display medical information in the event that the wearer is incapacitated.

Applicant's invention is different in that it is a bidirectional semaphore system designed to allow two or more individuals to communicate their interests and preferences in other people. That allows an individual to understand what another individual is interested in, and in combination with the same semaphore system worn by the other individual, it allows both individuals to quickly determine if they may have an interest in one another. It is essentially a two-way communications system for use in social settings. Henry, on the other hand, is a one-way communications system designed to provide information related to individuals such as emergency personnel.

CONCLUSION

Applicant's Attorney thanks the Examiner for the Examiner's help in prosecuting this invention. In response to the office action, Applicant's Attorney has canceled the original claim in the parent application, and provided 20 new claims in the CPA application which more fully describe the bidirectional use of the information worn by one or more individuals. Applicant's Attorney has been careful to avoid the introduction of new matter. A separate petition and fee for a two month extension of time is attached. Applicant's Attorney believes that all items in the office action dated September 26, 2001 have been addressed, and respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider the new claims with a view towards allowance. Applicant's Attorney further invites the Examiner to contact Applicant's Attorney for a telephonic interview at the above listed number if the Examiner believes that prosecution of the application can be furthered by so doing.

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